

**Congressman Rick Boucher**



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Re: Boucher for Congress ((ID# C00178418)  
30 Day Post-General Report (10/15/98-11/23/98)

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 1999 requesting information about contributions received by the Boucher for Congress Campaign Committee.

With regard to itemizing in-kind contributions, please be advised that I have reviewed the Committee's report and found that all in-kind contributions were listed on both Schedules A and B. There is, however, a discrepancy in dates between the two in-kind contributions listed at Schedule A Page 1 of 16 for Line 11(a)(i) on October 15 and those same in-kind contributions listed as disbursements at Schedule B Page 20 of 29 for Line 17 on October 30. The corrected date for Schedule B page 20 of 29 for Line 17 is October 15 instead of October 30 as listed. Attached is a corrected Schedule B page 20 of 29 for Line 17, and I do not believe that an adjustment of the cash-on-hand totals is necessary. I apologize for this typographical error.

Concerning an apparent excessive contribution by two individuals, I have written to both contributors informing them of their right to request a refund, to redesignate the contribution to the 2000 primary election, or to reattribute the contribution to another individual. I am enclosing a copy of each letter, and I will advise you as soon as I have received a written response from these supporters.

To prevent this error from occurring in the future, I have contacted our computer programmer and requested that a modification be made to our Federal Election Commission (FEC) computer program. Specifically, I have requested that some sort of alert be triggered when an individual has contributed the maximum amount during a particular election. I am also enclosing a copy of my correspondence to the programmer addressing this matter.

With regard to an apparent excessive contribution from a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee, I have contacted the political action committee in question to ask that they either request a refund of the excessive contribution or redesignate it to the 2000